

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 26 February 2009
Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present:

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| Parish Councillors: | Mrs G Crossley-Holland (Vice-Chair) | M Bryant |
| Mrs M Carrington-Brown | P Jenner | B Johnson |
| S Pattenden | | |

Parish Clerk: Leeann Jackson-Eve
Two members of the public

7.30pm The Vice-Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Received from Cllrs L Draper, C Last and J Stacey, and noted from County Cllr Charles Michell and District Cllr Sara Michell (late).

2. **To confirm the minutes of the Meeting 22 January 2009.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January were agreed and signed subject to the following amendments: Item 5, all interests declared in the Allotments item were changed to read Item 11 rather than 9, and Item 10, which was amended to read "AGM on 10 February and Quiz on 7 March".

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** The following items were reported:

- Gudgeons Prentice Solicitors had received the Local Authority Searches carried out by the Housing Association on the site at Mill Lane when they purchased it in 2007. The PC RESOLVED, with all agreed, not to renew the searches.
- No response from SCC Traveller Liaison Officer regarding the caravan on Fen Lane.
- No response yet from National Trust re commemorative plaque for Basil Brown. Other organisations would be contacted. To go on agenda next month.
- The Boundary Committee was unable to provide advice concerning unitary councils in Suffolk to the Secretary of State by 13 February due to ongoing legal proceedings. The deadline was now 15 July.
- The pumping station on Fen Lane was blocked again and would be reported to Anglian Water.

4. **Magazine Input:** Councillor Pattenden to draft a report.

5. **Members Declaration of Interest on agenda items.**

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| Cllr Crossley-Holland | Personal Interest | Item 11 |
| Cllr Pattenden | Personal Interest | Item 11 |

6. **Public Forum:**

7.43pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Vice-Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.45pm.

7. **Correspondence:**

- 7.1. **Suffolk County Council:** Temporary Closure of Part of the U5916 West Street, Rickinghall. Noted.
- 7.2. **Mid-Suffolk District Council:** Parish Liaison Meeting – Monday 30 March 2009 with two sessions available at 9.30am and 6pm. Noted.
- 7.3. **NHS Suffolk:** Botesdale Rural Services Ltd has been given approval for full consent for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List in Botesdale. Noted.
- 7.4. **Suffolk Preservation Society:** Invitation to annual SPS party. Noted.
- 7.5. **Age Concern:** Request for donation to be taken in May with others.
- 7.6. **Simon Bennett:** Notification of intention to re-develop the site at Meadowcroft, Rickinghall in keeping with the local style. Noted.
- 7.7. **Mr & Mrs Bushell:** Copy of letter to MSDC Planning Department re Waste Incineration in Stanton, Shepherd's Grove. To be circulated for information.

- 7.8. **Suffolk County Council:** Questionnaire re emergency communications plan. To be circulated for March meeting.
- 7.9. **Barningham Parish Council:** Councillor Training via SALC. Noted.
- 7.10. **The Planning Inspectorate:** Appeal by Mrs R Harris, Site at Oak Lodge, Allwood Green, Rickingham. The appeal is DISMISSED. Noted.

8. **Planning:**

8.1. **Planning Applications:** None.

8.2. **Notice of Intent to prune/remove trees in the Conservation Area:**

8.2.2 **St Botolphs Bowls Club, Fen Lane, Rickingham.** Ref: 0510/09. Pollard 1 No. Ash Tree to a height of 6 metres. The PC had no objections.

8.3. **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.

8.3.1. **Keepers Cottage, West Street, Rickingham Inferior.** Ref: 3809/08. Provision of domestic swimming pool and changing room building. Planning Permission GRANTED.

9. **Finance:**

• **Account Balances:**

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| Current A/C | £1,040.22 |
| Deposit A/C | £ 17,546.23 |

• **Accounts for Payment:**

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| L Jackson-Eve | £ 276.07 | Sal/Exps Feb 09 |
| J Rose | £ 103.55 | St Sweeping Feb 09 |
| Pearce & Kemp | £ 48.60 | Inv 26040 Jan A/C |
| Redgrave PCC | £130.00 | Parish Mag Subscription Renewal |

Direct Debits:

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| E.On Energy | £ 52.95 | Inv H771D183E Jan A/C |
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RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.

- **Street Sweeping/Rights of Way Contract 2009:** Noted that one quote had been received and the deadline was 28 February.

10. **Councillors Reports:**

Highways Issues:

- Hinderclay Road opp new houses – Kerb breaking up where new drains installed. Report to SCC.
- Briar Lane – Numerous potholes. Report to SCC.
- Street lights – Light #6 to be reported to P&K as out. Street light outside of Walnut Tree Place still missing. Clerk to follow up.
- Snape Hill – Significant amount of rubbish on road. Report to MSDC. The bottle banks had been full for several days and it was agreed to ask the Village Hall MC to request they be emptied. There was also a significant amount of rubbish being generated on Snape Hill in association with the bottle banks. It was agreed to ask the VHMC to consider this when assessing the trial period.

PRoW: The Rights of Way Officer would be checking the paths in anticipation of the publication of the new walks leaflet and the spring/summer season.

Parish Assets: Photos were available of all assets.

11. **Allotments:** The PC noted SCC's response concerning the valuation of £22,500 exceeding the PC's expectations. The letter confirmed that this was the open market value of the land and the external valuer had also quoted a price of £13,500 as the sale price subject to a restrictive covenant for use as woodland. Any sale at below market value would need to be authorised by the County Council's Portfolio Holder for Resource Management. The Parish Council RESOLVED, with 3 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions, to go ahead with a freehold purchase of the property off of Mill Lane at the sale price of £13,500, subject to a restrictive covenant for use as woodland and allotments (which would include a small area of car parking). The PC noted that it would

bear SCC's reasonable surveyor and legal costs as well as its own. The PC preferred not to enter into any kind of leasehold arrangement as had been suggested by SCC. The PC expressed willingness to participate in any suitable PR related to the Greenest County initiative. Councillors Jenner, Pattenden and Stacey (to be confirmed) to form the Working Party to look at grant funding.

12. **Registration of Parish Council owned land with HM Land Registry:** The Clerk reported that the bid for registration of the ROCP site had not been accepted by the Land Registry due to insufficient proof of ownership. The Clerk had written again to Defence Estates requesting any information they might hold.
13. **Emergency Planning Policy:** Waiting for Botesdale PCs response about a meeting.
14. **Annual Parish Meeting:** It was noted that the APM would be held on 7 May at 7.30pm. Councillor Crossley-Holland would speak to Diana Maywhort about possible speakers on the subject of local heritage.
15. **Rickinghall News:** It was agreed to use a logo of the Bowls Club on the cover of the News with a short headline about village organisations.
16. **Litter Pick:** It was agreed to hold the litter pick on 18 April 2009 at 10am-12noon. The Clerk would request help from MSDC to clear litter on the bypass before the pick.
17. **National Probation Service:** It was agreed to request assistance with the following:
 - Litter picking on Snape Hill.
 - Tidying up of Maypole Meadow street front garden.
 - Clearance of footpaths not covered by SCC and the parish street sweeper.
 - Churchyard grass cutting. Reported that Clerk had already passed on the NPS details to the PCC.
18. **Matters to be brought to attention of the Council / Items for next agenda:**
 - Internal Audit Review: The PC agreed that Cllr Pattenden would carry this out again this year. To be added to March agenda.
19. **Next Meeting:** 26 March 2009

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42 pm.